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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? ____Yes ____No

Committee _____ Report _____

4/24	3RD READING FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1 ADOPTED	50	49
4/24	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
4/24	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
4/24	FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CHAPTER NUMBER 544 EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/08/93, CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL		

SB 236 INTRODUCED BY YELLOWTAIL, ET AL.

INCLUDE SEXUAL ORIENTATION IN MALICIOUS HARASSMENT LAWS

1/22	INTRODUCED		
1/22	REFERRED TO JUDICIARY		
1/22	FIRST READING		
1/26	HEARING		
1/27	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED		
2/01	MOTION FAILED TO TAKE FROM 2ND READING AND REREFER TO COMMITTEE	23	27
2/01	2ND READING PASSED	26	24
2/02	3RD READING FAILED	25	25

SB 237 INTRODUCED BY ECK

CREATE ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM

1/22	INTRODUCED		
1/22	REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY		
1/22	FIRST READING		
1/22	FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED		
1/27	FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED		
1/28	FISCAL NOTE PRINTED		
2/03	HEARING		
2/19	TABLED IN COMMITTEE		

SB 238 INTRODUCED BY CRIPPEN

ELIMINATE WARRANT AND BOND TO OBTAIN POSSIBLE STOLEN PROPERTY FROM PAWNBROKER

1/22	INTRODUCED		
1/22	REFERRED TO JUDICIARY		
1/22	FIRST READING		
2/01	HEARING		
2/04	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED AS AMENDED		
2/06	2ND READING PASSED	48	0
2/08	3RD READING PASSED	50	0
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE		
2/09	REFERRED TO JUDICIARY		
2/09	FIRST READING		
3/11	HEARING		
3/17	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL CONCURRED		
3/27	2ND READING CONCURRED	93	1
3/30	3RD READING CONCURRED	93	7
	RETURNED TO SENATE		
4/03	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
4/07	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
4/13	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
4/14	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR CHAPTER NUMBER 344 EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/93		

SB 239 INTRODUCED BY WATERMAN, ET AL.

PROVIDE A STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT BASED ON THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT

1/23	INTRODUCED		
1/23	REFERRED TO TAXATION		
1/23	FIRST READING		
1/23	FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED		
1/28	FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED		
1/29	FISCAL NOTE PRINTED		
2/05	HEARING		
3/15	TABLED IN COMMITTEE		

SB 240 INTRODUCED BY ECK, ET AL.

CREATE RESTAURANT BEER/WINE LICENSE WITH NO GAMBLING ALLOWED; PROVIDE NEW QUOTA SYSTEM

1/23	INTRODUCED		
1/23	REFERRED TO TAXATION		
1/23	FIRST READING		
1/23	FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED		
1/29	FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED		
1/29	FISCAL NOTE PRINTED		
2/03	HEARING		
3/10	TABLED IN COMMITTEE		
3/23	MOTION FAILED TO TAKE FROM COMMITTEE AND PLACE ON 2ND READING	17	32

SB 241 INTRODUCED BY B. BROWN

EXTEND TAPROOM EXEMPTION TO FOREIGN BREWERS

BY REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

1/23	INTRODUCED		
1/23	REFERRED TO TAXATION		
1/23	FIRST READING		
1/29	HEARING		
1/29	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED		
2/01	2ND READING PASSED	50	0
2/02	3RD READING PASSED	46	0
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE		
2/03	FIRST READING		
2/03	REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION		
2/06	REREFERRED TO BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
3/05	HEARING		
3/05	PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR		
3/06	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL CONCURRED		
3/09	3RD READING CONCURRED	94	4
	RETURNED TO SENATE		
3/13	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
3/15	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
3/16	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
3/18	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR CHAPTER NUMBER 122 EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/18/93		

SB 242 INTRODUCED BY BURNETT

SUBMIT TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 11, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO

SENATE BILL NO. 241

INTRODUCED BY B. BROWN
BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 23, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TAXATION.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 29, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 30, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED FOR THE DAY.
FEBRUARY 1, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 46; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 3, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 6, 1993	ON MOTION, REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
MARCH 5, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
	POSTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR.
MARCH 6, 1993	CONSENT CALENDAR, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
MARCH 9, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 94; NOES, 4.
MARCH 10, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 11, 1993

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

Senate BILL NO. 241

INTRODUCED BY Bob Brown

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE TAPROOM BEER SALE EXEMPTION TO FOREIGN BREWERS; AMENDING SECTION 16-3-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 16-3-214, MCA, is amended to read:

"16-3-214. Beer sales by brewers -- taproom exception. (1) Subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in this code, any a brewer ~~duly-licensed-as-such-by-the-United States-of-America~~ who manufactures less than 60,000 barrels of beer a year, upon payment of the annual license fee imposed by 16-4-501 and upon presenting satisfactory evidence to the department as required by 16-4-101, ~~shall~~ must be licensed by the department, in accordance with the provisions of this code and ~~such~~ rules ~~as-may-be~~ prescribed by the department, to:

(a) sell and deliver beer from its storage depot or brewery located in Montana to:

(i) a wholesaler;

(ii) any retail licensees who are entitled to purchase beer from a brewer under this code; or

(iii) the public; or

(b) provide, without charge, its own products for consumption on its licensed premises; or

(c) do any one or more of ~~such~~ the acts of sale and delivery of beer.

(2) ~~No~~ An additional license fee may not be imposed on a brewery providing, without charge, its own products on its licensed premises for consumption on the premises.

(3) This section does not prohibit a brewer located outside of Montana from shipping and selling beer directly to a wholesaler in this state under the provisions of 16-3-230."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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SB 241
INTRODUCED BILL

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Halligan, on January 29, 1993, at 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Sen. Mike Halligan, Chair (D)
Sen. Dorothy Eck, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Steve Doherty (D)
Sen. Delwyn Gage (R)
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)
Sen. John Harp (R)
Sen. Tom Towe (D)
Sen. Fred Van Valkenburg (D)
Sen. Bill Yellowtail (D)

Members Excused: Senator Spook Stang (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Council
Bonnie Stark, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing:	SB 191, SB 227, SB 234, SB 241
Executive Action:	SB 38, SB 53, SB 148, SB 162, SB 195, SB 227, SB 234, SB 241

HEARING ON SB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Bob Brown, representing Senate District 2, presented Senate Bill 241, which is an act extending the taproom beer sale exemption to foreign brewers. Senator Brown said that when the Canadian-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was negotiated, the idea was for free trade across the border. The present law reads that a brewer must be licensed by the United States of America. The GATT forum in Belgium hears disputes over international trade problems and ruled in favor of Canada because of several

violations, including this section in Montana law. Senate Bill 241 will eliminate the language regarding U.S. licensing, and allow the Canadian micro-brewers, who manufacture less than 60,000 barrels of beer a year, to sell and deliver their product in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

Gary Blewett, Administrator of the Montana Liquor Division, said the Department of Revenue requested Senate Bill 241 to make Montana law consistent with the Canadian-U.S. Free Trade Act, and encouraged the committee's support.

Roger Tippy, Lobbyist for the Montana Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, presented his written testimony, attached to these minutes as Exhibit No. 1. Mr. Tippy said passage of Senate Bill 241 would bring Montana into "GATT" compliance as well as compliance with the Free Trade Agreement.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

In response to a question from Senator Gage, Mr. Blewett said that a Canadian brewery would be required to have a storage depot in Montana in order to market its beer in the state, just as any of the other 49 states would also have to have a storage depot in Montana in order to market here.

Senator Grosfield asked Roger Tippy what would happen if Senate Bill 241 were not passed. Mr. Tippy responded that if there is non-compliance, the nations would erect very high tariffs against each other's beer, and the North American Free Trade Agreement might come in and start over-riding state law.

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Brown had no further remarks on closing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 241

Motion:

Senator Harp moved Senate Bill 241 Do Pass.

Discussion:

None.

Vote:

Motion to Do Pass Senate Bill 241 carried on oral vote.

HEARING ON SB 234

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Harp, representing Senate District 4, presented Senate Bill 234, which is an act clarifying the confidentiality of corporation license or income tax records. Senator Harp said Senate Bill 234 is requested by the Department of Revenue to specifically set forth what information is confidential regarding corporate tax records.

Informational Testimony:

Mick Robinson, Director of the Department of Revenue, said Senate Bill 234 is a very important bill which tries to eliminate the uncertainty and confusion included in the present statute regarding the confidentiality of corporate tax records. Mr. Robinson said Senate Bill 234 will put into law under the corporation statute the same confidentiality limitations that the state presently has for individual income tax, and urged passage.

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Senator Grosfield asked Mick Robinson about disclosure problems. Mr. Robinson said that presently the Governor can order corporate tax records released upon request, although this hasn't been done in recent years.

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Harp offered no further remarks in closing.

ROLL CALL

SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION DATE 1-29-93

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Sen. Halligan, Chair	✓		
Sen. Eck, Vice Chair	✓		
Sen. Brown	✓		
Sen. Doherty	✓		
Sen. Gage	✓		
Sen. Grosfield	✓		
Sen. Harp	✓		
Sen. Stang			✓
Sen. Towe	✓		
Sen. Van Valkenburg	✓		
Sen. Yellowtail	✓		

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 29, 1993

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Taxation having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 241 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that Senate Bill No. 241 do pass.

Signed: _____
Senator Mike Halligan, Chair

Amd. Coord.
Sec. of Senate

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SENATE TAXATION
EXHIBIT NO. 1
DATE 1-29-93
BILL NO. SB 241

Montana Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association
Post Office Box 124 • Helena, Montana 59624 • Telephone (406) 442-4451

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION
MONTANA SENATE

Re: Senate Bill 241

Mr. Chairman and Committee members, I am Roger Tippy, attorney and lobbyist for the Montana Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association. Our members urge your support of SB 241 in order to bring Montana into "GATT compliance".

During the last session we brought, through former Rep. Scott, you House Bill 698 which had the effect of removing any preferential treatment for beer brewed in-state as against beer brewed in one of the other 49 states. Prior to that, a brewer of any size in Montana could sell direct to consumers or retailers, and a brewer of any size in another state had to ship its beer into the state via one of our wholesalers. HB 698 capped the in-state brewers' direct selling privileges to small or micro-brewers, who produced less than 60,000 barrels a year. It then extended the same privileges to small brewers in other states, provided they obtained DOR approval to set up a storage depot in Montana and then engaged in such direct selling out of that storage depot. At that point, in terms of the Commerce Clause, our laws were absolutely non-discriminatory.

Then along came GATT. The Canadian government, on behalf of the major brewers in Canada such as Molson's and Labatt's, charged that various beer laws of the federal government and of many states set up improper barriers to the ability of imported Canadian beers to compete in U. S. markets. The U.S. Trade Representative argued the American side. Lengthy briefs analyzed the beer laws of state after state. The only problem the Canadians raised with Montana's beer law was that the qualifying microbrewers had to be licensed as such, i.e., as brewers, by the U. S. government through Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. They said, and the GATT panel agreed, that a microbrewery in Lethbridge, Alberta could not have a storage depot in Montana and sell direct under HB 698.

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DATE 1-29-93

SENATE COMMITTEE ON Taxation

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: SB 191, 227, 234, 241

Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One Support	Oppose
Roger Tippy	Mt Bev + Wine Wholesalers	5324/	X	
Lynn Cheroweth	DOR	~~SB~~ SB 227	X	
Alec Hansen	MLCT	191		✓
Bruce McCandless	Billings	191		✓
Dave Woodgerd	DOR	234 241, 227	✓	

VISITOR REGISTER

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MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN STEVE BENEDICT, on March 5, 1993, at 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. Steve Benedict, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sonny Hanson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Bachini (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Ray Brandewie (R)
Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Rep. Fritz Daily (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Alvin Ellis (R)
Rep. Stella Jean Hansen (D)
Rep. Jack Herron (R)
Rep. Dick Knox (R)
Rep. Don Larson (D)
Rep. Norm Mills (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (R)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: None

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Committee Business Summary:
Hearing: SB 241, SB 263 and SB 372
Executive Action: SB 241, SB 372 and SB 390

HEARING ON SB 372

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. CHARLES SWYSGOOD, Senate District 37, Dillon, said SB 372 addresses an area of concern which deals with social workers and professional counselors and their ability to be licensed in the

do not write bad checks for their services or merchandise. He said this bill is an appropriate way in dealing with the problems in Montana, and felt it would not hurt the "little" people. He urged the committee to concur on SB 263.

HEARING ON SB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BOB BROWN, Senate District 2, Whitefish, said SB 241 is at the request of the Department of Revenue. It will extend the taproom beer sale exemption to foreign brewers. He said that Canada and the United States along with many other foreign nations are signatory to the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT). He said the GATT nations get together periodically to discuss ways to facilitate trade between the countries. A Calgary micro-brewery in Canada discovered that Montana has a law pertaining to micro-brewers, e.g., they have to manufacture 60,000 barrels or less per year, which discriminate against breweries located in other countries. **SEN. BROWN** said the way the law is presently written, the micro-breweries in Canada cannot bring their beer into Montana for retail or keep in warehouses. He said Montana brought this before the GATT in Belgium, and was informed that the laws needed to be brought into compliance with the GATT regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

Roger Tippy, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, said during the last session, **Rep. Scott of Billings**, sponsored HB 698 which was a wholesalers' association bill which they needed for out-of-state micro-brewers to sell to consumers directly without going through a wholesaler, i.e., Kessler Brewery sells directly to consumers. It was felt that an interstate commerce problem was developing and changed it with HB 698. SB 241 will now change the language to say a brewery under the 60,000 barrels could receive a license from the department, have a storage depot, and sell direct. **Mr. Tippy** said the Senate made changes with the bill and an error left Canada out, but the GATT language is similar to the North American Free Trade Agreement language, and will add Canada and Mexico back in. **Mr. Tippy** said a micro-brewery has to license a building, and pay the Department of Revenue $500 per year. **Mr. Tippy** urged a do concur recommendation. **EXHIBIT 5**

Gary Blewett, Department of Revenue, Liquor Division, said he read the GATT report and found that Montana was not in compliance with only one section. He urged the committee to support this legislation.

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BROWN closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 241

Motion: **REP. BRANDEWIE MOVED SB 241 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion: None

Motion/Vote: **REP. ELLIS** called the question. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote: **SB 241 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 18 - 0.

REP. LARSON made the motion to place SB 241 on the consent calendar. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 390

Motion: **REP. ELLIS MOVED SB 390 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion: **CHAIRMAN BENEDICT** informed the committee this bill will allow access of the facilities for on-premise liquor licenses from the same building. He said the amendments were written by the Department of Revenue. **CHAIRMAN BENEDICT** said the amendments will limit the retroactive application of the suitability requirement established in SB 390. Current licensees will not need to meet the new suitability requirements until the there are new structural alterations on the premises.

Motion/Vote: **REP. STELLA JEAN HANSEN** moved to adopt the amendments. **REP. ELLIS** called the question was called. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried 17 - 1. With **REP. MILLS** voting no. **EXHIBIT 6**

Motion/Vote: The question was called. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote: **SB 390 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 18 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 263

Motion: **REP. BRANDEWIE MOVED SB 263 BE CONCURRED.**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
53RD LEGISLATURE - 1993
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL DATE 3-5-93

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. ALVIN ELLIS	✓		
REP. DICK KNOX	✓		
REP. NORM MILLS	✓		
REP. JOE BARNETT	✓		
REP. RAY BRANDEWIE	✓		
REP. JACK HERRON	✓		
REP. TIM DOWELL	✓		
REP. CARLEY TUSS	✓		
REP. STELLA JEAN HANSEN	✓		
REP. BOB PAVLOVICH	✓		
REP. VICKI COCCHIARELLA	✓		
REP. FRITZ DAILY	✓		
REP. BOB BACHINI	✓		
REP. DON LARSON	✓		
REP. BRUCE SIMON	✓		
REP. DOUG WAGNER	✓		
REP. SONNY HANSON, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. STEVE BENEDICT, CHAIRMAN	✓		

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EXHIBIT 5
DATE 3-5-93
SB 241

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VISITOR'S REGISTER

Business & Ec. COMMITTEE BILL NO SB 241

DATE March 5, 1993 SPONSOR(S) B. Brown

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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Roger Tippy	Mont. Beer & Wine Wholesalers	X	
Gary Blewett	DOR	X	
Richard Burkhart	self	X	

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